WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1971

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 66

(By Mr. Mckown)

PASSED MARCH 4, 1971

In Effect NINETY DAYS FROM PASSAGE

FILED IN THE OFFICE
JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, IV
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 3-15-71
AN ACT to amend article twenty-six, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section thirteen, relating to empowering the West Virginia board of regents to determine minimum standards for institutions of higher education and the conferring of higher education degrees.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article twenty-six, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section thirteen, to read as follows:
ARTICLE 26. WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF REGENTS.

§18-26-13. Accreditation of institutions of higher education; standards for degrees.

1 The West Virginia board of regents shall make rules and regulations for the accreditation of all colleges, universities and other institutions of higher education in the state, and shall determine the minimum standards for the conferring of degrees. No institution of higher educational status may confer any degree on any basis of work or merit below the minimum standards prescribed by the West Virginia board of regents. Nothing contained herein shall infringe upon the rights granted to any institution by charter given according to law previous to the adoption of this section.

2 No charter or other instrument containing the right to confer degrees of higher educational status shall be granted by the state of West Virginia to any institution, association or organization within the state, nor shall any such degree be awarded until the condition of conferring such degree has first been approved in writing by the West Virginia board of regents.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Phyllis J. Rutledge
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect 90 days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 13th day of March, 1971.

Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 3/9/71
Time 1:45 p.m.

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